

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9-13, 17, and 19-22 have been amended. Claims 1-22 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 22 has been amended in response to this rejection. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 are respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. While not conceding the propriety of this rejection, and solely to expedite prosecution, claims 1, 11-13, 17, 19 and 22 have been amended to change the term "normal task" to "unsecured task", as described at page 10, line 1 of the specification.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ginter et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,427,140), in view of Bennett (U.S. Patent No. 5,579,520).

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite "by assigning an electronic signature in units of a page", as described at page 1, line 14 of the specification. Independent claims 9-13, 17 and 19-22 have been amended to recite a similar feature.

It is respectfully submitted that neither Ginter et al. nor Bennett teach at least the aforementioned feature of independent claims 1, 9-13, 17 and 19-22.

The Examiner acknowledges that Ginter et al. does not disclose a method/system in which a code is generated by assigning a signature in units of a page. Bennett discloses, at column 6, lines 35-37, that such an environment that supports page-based virtual memory management loads information into system memory from disk in fixed-length blocks or "pages" (generally ranging from 4K, for example, to up to 64K or more). Bennett further describes, at

column 5, lines 23-24, that for each procedure, a signature is generated indicating which activities the procedure has participated in.

However, Bennett fails to teach "assigning an electronic signature in units of a page". Instead, Bennett merely discloses "a signature" indicating which activities the procedure has participated in, and this signature of Bennett does not correspond to an electronic signature, as recited in each of independent claims 1, 9-13, 17 and 19-22.

Since Ginter et al. and Bennett, alone or in combination, do not do discuss or suggest all of the features of each of independent claims 1, 9-13, 17 and 19-22, claims 1, 9-13, 17 and 19-22 each patentably distinguish over Ginter et al. and Bennett. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-8, 14-16, and 18 depend either directly or indirectly from claims 1, 13, and 17, respectively, and include all the features of claims 1, 13, and 17, respectively, plus additional features that are not discussed or suggested by the references relied upon. Therefore, claims 2-8, 14-16, and 18 patentably distinguish over the references relied upon for at least the reasons noted above. Accordingly, withdrawal of these § 103(a) rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

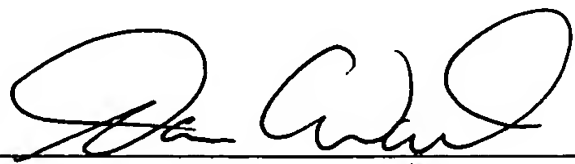
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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